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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Judith L. Erb, et al.

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Examiner: HOFFMANN, John M.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASUREMENT

OF BINDING BETWEEN A PROTEIN AND A NUCLEOTIDE

Attorney Docket No: 3060.00018

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date 51105. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to March 9, 2006. The appropriate petition fee of \$60.00 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as follows: